

MINUTES – AUGUST 6, 2002

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Tuesday, the 6th day of August, 2002, the Commissioners' Court convened the regular Voting Session at 9:12 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Melissa Velasquez.

The Commissioners' Court recessed at the Voting Session at 12:03 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 1:39 PM.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 2:51 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 3:59 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 4:46 PM.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Members of the Court heard from: Kenneth Snyder, Northridge Acres. (9:24 AM)

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the following Consent Items: C1-C5, and Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 12.A, B, and C, 13, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 28, and 29. (9:28 AM)

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

- C1.** RECEIVE BIDS FROM COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT.
- C2.** AWARD BIDS FOR FOOD ITEMS FOR TRAVIS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICES.
- C3.** APPROVE COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES FOR VOTING SESSION OF JULY 23, 2002.
- C4.** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: SPILLMAN RANCH PHASE ONE SECTION SEVEN – (SHORT FORM PLAT – 1 LOT – 12.956 ACRES – RM 620 – NO FISCAL REQUIRED – SEWAGE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY LCRA – VILLAGE OF BEE CAVE ETJ). (COMMISSIONER MOORE)
- C5.** APPROVE A PRELIMINARY PLAN IN PRECINCT ONE – AUSTIN’S COLONY PHASE 4 (PRELIMINARY PLAN – 195 LOTS – 37.83 ACRES – DEAF SMITH BLVD. – SEWAGE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY HORNSBY BEND UTILITY COMPANY – CITY OF AUSTIN ETJ) (COMMISSIONER DAVIS)

JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT. ITEMS

4. RECEIVE STATUS REPORT ON THE FOCUS PROGRAM AT THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER. (JUDGE BISCOE) (9:13 AM) (9:55 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Kimberly Pierce, Senior Planner, Justice and Public Safety (JPS); John Fitzpatrick, Capital Area Training Foundation (CATF); Tom Serafin, CATF; Warden Kenneth Karl, Texas Department of Criminal Justice; Nathaniel Quarterman, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, State Jail Division; and Kati Broderick, Manager, Research and Planning, JPS.

Discussion Only.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE INTERLOCAL WITH CAPITAL AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (CAPCO) FOR PSAP MAINTENANCE, EQUIPMENT UPGRADE AND TRAINING. (9:28 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 5 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court's Motion and Vote.

6. DISCUSS AND APPOINT DANNY HOBBY TO THE CAPITAL AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (CAPCO) 9-1-1 TASK FORCE COMMITTEE. (9:28 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 6 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court's Motion and Vote.

7. DISCUSS AND APPOINT DANNY HOBBY TO THE REGION 49, TEXAS 800 MHz REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE. (9:28 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 7 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court's Motion and Vote.

8. REVIEW AND APPROVE INTERLOCAL WITH CAPITAL AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (CAPCO) FOR ENHANCED 9-1-1 DATABASE PROGRAM. (9:28 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 8 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court's Motion and Vote.

TRANSPORTATION & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT. ITEMS

9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ASKING THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTING THE “THRU TRAFFIC LANE” ORDINANCE. (COMMISSIONER SONLEITNER AND COMMISSIONER MOORE) (9:35 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: John Hille, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Moore that the Commissioners’ Court send an appropriate letter to the City of Austin supporting the “thru lane traffic”, as the addressee, and that we cc the other Mayors and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in terms of the language that is generally in the letter that Williamson County put together last week, and for the whole Court to sign the letter.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

10. DISCUSS TNRCC’S PROPOSED CHANGE TO CHAPTER 285, ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITIES RULES RELATING TO SECTION 285.14 CHARGE-BACK FEE, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (COMMISSIONER MOORE) (9:43 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Carol Joseph, Assistant Director, TNR.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to revise the letter to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC), sign it today, and cc to the Conference of Urban Counties (CUC).

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

- 11.** APPROVE VARIANCE TO CHAPTER 82, STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREETS AND DRAINAGE IN SUBDIVISIONS TO ALLOW THE ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF STREET AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES IN AUSTIN'S COLONY PHASE 2 IN PRECINCT ONE. (COMMISSIONER DAVIS) (9:50 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Carol Joseph, Assistant Director, TNR.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 11.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

- 12. A.** APPROVE THE PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF STEINER RANCH PHASE 1 IRRIGATION TRACT; (9:28 AM)
- B.** APPROVE THE TOTAL VACATION OF REPLAT OF LOT 2 OF STEINER RANCH PHASE 1 IRRIGATION PLAT; AND
- C.** APPROVE A PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: SECOND REPLAT OF LOT 2 STEINER RANCH PHASE 1 IRRIGATION PLAT (LONG FORM PLAT - 1 LOT – 723.39 ACRES – QUINLAN PARK ROAD – TRUST DEED WITH TRAVIS COUNTY - SEWAGE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY WCID 17 - CITY OF AUSTIN ETJ.) (COMMISSIONER MOORE)

Clerk's Note: Items 12.A, B, and C are the action items for the public hearings on Agenda Items 1.A, B, and C.

Clerk's Note: Items 12.A, B, and C added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court's Motion and Vote.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT. ITEMS

- 13. CONSIDER AND AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEE, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:28 AM)

Clerk’s Note: Item 13 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

PLANNING AND BUDGET DEPT. ITEMS

- 14. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ON FY’03 ELECTED OFFICIALS’ SALARIES:
 - A. FORMALLY ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTED OFFICIALS’ SALARIES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS; (10:33 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO).

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to formally accept the Citizens’ Advisory Committee report on elected officials’ salaries, and that we send them an appropriate letter of appreciation.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

ITEM 14 CONTINUED

B. REVIEW THE SALARY-SETTING CALENDAR (INCLUDING THE GRIEVANCE PROCESS); (10:35 AM) AND

C. CONSIDER CALENDAR FOR SETTING FY'03 ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARIES.

Clerk's Note: Items 14.B and C are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; John Hille, Assistant County Attorney; Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; and Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Moore to make the decision on the publication next week, August 13, 2002, and thereafter, to follow the schedule as proposed by the Planning and Budget Office.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

15. PRESENTATION OF FY '03 PRELIMINARY BUDGET, DISCUSSION OF BUDGET ISSUES, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (10:59 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

Discussion Only.

16. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS. (9:28 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 16 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court's Motion and Vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS ITEMS

17. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE HOSPITAL AND INSURANCE FUND AND ITS FINANCIAL STATUS. (4:34 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Dan Mansour, Risk Manager, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD); and Cindy Purinton, Benefits Contract Administrator, HRMD.

Discussion Only.

19. CONSIDER FOURTH AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH K & J ICE LTD. (AUSTIN ICE BATS), AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (JUDGE BISCOE AND COMMISSIONER DAVIS) (4:45 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 19.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

20. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT TO UNITED HEALTH CARE FOR CLAIMS PAID FOR TRAVIS COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS COVERED BY THE HOSPITAL AND INSURANCE FUND FOR PAYMENT OF \$218,603.36 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 19, 2002 THROUGH JULY 25, 2002. (9:28 AM)

Clerk’s Note: Item 20 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

21. APPROVE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (9:28 AM)

Clerk’s Note: Commissioner Sonleitner announced that page 4, slot 942 needs to be changed to “Career Ladder”, not “POPS” increase.

Clerk’s Note: Item 21 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

PURCHASING OFFICE ITEMS

22. APPROVE MODIFICATION NO. 4 TO CONTRACT NO. 00T0003-LD, AUS-TEX CONCESSIONS FOR EXPO CENTER CONCESSION OPERATIONS. (COMMISSIONER GOMEZ) (9:31 AM)

Item 22 postponed until August 20, 2002.

23. APPROVE MODIFICATION NO. 5 TO CONTRACT NO. MA990231, CSU, MAINTENANCE OF KODAK PHOTOCOPIERS (“KODAK CAMPUS PLAN”); CONTRACT APPROVED ON 9/14/99. (RMCR) (COMMISSIONER GOMEZ) (9:28 AM)

Clerk’s Note: Item 23 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

24. DISCUSS AGREEMENT NO. IL020205-JW WITH TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICES (TEEX) FOR PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS AND MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (COMMISSIONER GOMEZ) (9:28 AM)

Clerk’s Note: Item 24 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

25. CONSIDER ADDITION OF “JUMP ON IT” PROGRAM (MODIFICATION NO. 3) TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. IL000041-EF, CITY OF AUSTIN, FOR OPERATION OF YOUTH ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (HHSD) (COMMISSIONER GOMEZ) (9:28 AM)

Clerk’s Note: Item 25 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

OTHER ITEMS

26. CONSIDER FEASIBILITY AND COST OF VISITING JUDGE'S COURTROOM, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (JUDGE BISCOE) (9:13 AM) (1:39 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Ronnie Earle, Travis County District Attorney; Judge Paul Wisser, 299th District Court; Rosemary Lemberg, First Assistant District Attorney; Judge Bob Perkins, 331st District Court; Judge Julie Kocurek, 390th District Court; and Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

Motion by Commissioner Moore **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to authorize Staff to start with the design work of the courtroom, realizing that we have to get the design work done before we actually start construction.

Maker accept the Friendly Amendment by Judge Biscoe to ask the impacted County officials to put their heads together; try to reduce to writing Options 1 and 2 that we have heard discussed today; try to cost both options out, especially with respect to necessary FTE's for implementation; and hopefully get that back to the Commissioners' Court by next Tuesday, August 13, 2002.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	abstain
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Item 26 to be reposted on August 13, 2002.

27. RECEIVE STATUS REPORT ON OVERTIME, MEDICAL SERVICES EXPENDITURES AND OTHER BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS IN TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (JUDGE BISCOE) (4:00 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Margo Frasier, Travis County Sheriff; Patty Eacret, Director, Fiscal and Personnel, TCSO; and Bill Derryberry, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion Only.

Item 27 to be reposted on August 13, 2002.

- 28.** APPROVE RENEWAL AND MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR THE HOUSING OF SEX OFFENDERS. (SHERIFF'S OFFICE) (9:28 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 28 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 29.** APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (9:28 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 29 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Consent Items for the Court's Motion and Vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Note 1 Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

Note 2 Gov't Code Ann 551.072, Real Property

Note 3 Gov't Code Ann 551.074, Personnel Matters

Note 4 Gov't Code Ann 551.076, Security

- 30.** RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING FLUOR DANIEL, INC. V. TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; NO. 02-50378; IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT (USDC CIVIL ACTION NO.A-00-CA-021-SS). ¹ (2:51 PM) (3:59 PM)

Clerk's Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 30 would be considered in Executive Session.

No action necessary on Item 30.

- 31.** RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY WITH REGARD TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR BOOKING AND RELATED SERVICES BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND CITY OF AUSTIN, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (COMMISSIONER DAVIS) ¹ (2:51 PM) (3:59 PM)

Clerk's Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 31 would be considered in Executive Session.

Item 31 postponed until August 13, 2002.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ADDENDUM:

- A1. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY REGARDING PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH ARK MUSIC, INC. AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO TEX. GOVT. CODE ANN. 551.071. (9:13 AM) (2:51 PM)

Clerk’s Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item A1 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov’t Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

No action taken on Item A1.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to adjourn the Voting Session. (4:46 PM)

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS’ COURT

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge